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Labor Party's Goal To 'Rule in 5 Years'

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A candidate of the U.S. Labor Party told a party convention here Sunday that Watergate and inflation have left President Nixon "weak and stupid" and the time is ripe for "a revolutionary takeover of all institutions in the country."

"Nixon is not now running the country," said Tony Chaitkin, party candidate for mayor of New York City this fall. "We intend to rule this country within five years."

Chaitkin said during a meeting of 200 "organizers" of the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) and the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) that the election of party candidates in eight states in 1973 and 1974 would be the first step toward build-

ing "a revolutionary government and bringing the workers to power."

NCLC and NU-WRO, formed in March, 1973, created the Labor Party as an "electoral arm" to aid in the seizure of power, Chaitkin said.

The meeting was held at the YMCA, 1421 Arch st.

Jennette Washington, party candidate for president of the New York City Council, vowed that if the party wins power it will end the "depression" in the country by using interest money paid to banks as salaries for "millions of workers."

She said the party would not need legislative approval because it would tell Congress "to go home."

The organizers were told to continue leading street rallies to unite unemployed poor and

the working class to fight the government, especially the Central Intelligence Agency. Chaitkin contended that the CIA controls Boston, Detroit, Newark and Buffalo.

Miss Washington said the government's Work Incentive Program (WIN) divides the poor and the working class by using "slave" welfare labor to replace higher paid workers, thus saving industry "thousands of dollars."

Chaitkin discounted theories that workers are among the most conservative Americans, contending they will join the Labor Party when they realize that "the government doesn't care about their interests."

One of the Labor Party candidates, Jose Torres, is opposing Gov. Milton J. Shapp in his bid for reelection in 1974.

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